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1. The hog cholera harassing East Germany is not communicable to human beings. The cases of food poisoning reported to have occurred in Leipzig were probably the result of nonsterile handling and decomposition of the pork meat.
2. Available information indicates that hog cholera is a not inconsiderable problem in East Germany. During the third quarter of 1953, 40,337 hogs had to be slaughtered prematurely as an emergency measure because of hog cholera.

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